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Timely Tidbits ...

Romulus Students Present Annie

The final two performances of the Romulus Community Schools production of *Annie* will be given at Romulus High School (9650 South Wayne Road) on Friday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 27, at 2 p.m.

Tickets (\$6 each; \$5 for students and senior citizens) are available at the High School box office.

City To Sponsor Free Dumping

The City of Romulus Department of Public Works (34100 Goddard Road) has announced that Romulus residents will be able to take advantage of free dumping on the following dates: Saturday, May 18 and May 25, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Monday through Friday, May 20–24, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The following rules apply to dump use.

- All users must show proof of residency.
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- No commercial (private contractors) dumping is permitted.
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- Paint materials must be taken to Michigan Recovery Systems (35345 Van Born Road; call 326-3100) for disposal.
- Materials considered unacceptable for dumping include concrete; dirt; tires; tree limbs/trunks or other yard waste; liquid waste products such as petroleum products and other chemicals; and large items such as sheds, boats, cars, and engines.
- Anyone entering the dumping area does so at his/her own risk.

For more information about free dumping, please contact the Romulus Department of Public Works: 942-7579. □

Chamber To Host Carnival, Parade

By Kristi Stephens

For many of us, the cancellation of last year's Romulus Michigan Week Festival was a disappointing end to what had become one of our city's most pleasant traditions. The annual event – which featured a variety of locally organized displays and entertainments set against the backdrop of a traditional carnival – was one of the area's most popular and best-attended affairs.

But, thanks to the community spirit, organizational skills, and hard work of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, the nucleus of what could be-

come a new tradition is in the works for next month.

Carnival Is Main Attraction

Central to the Chamber's plans for its four-day celebration (set for May 9–12 at the old Festival Grounds on Olive Street between Goddard and Grant roads) will be carnival rides, midway games, and food concessions provided by Crown Amusements.

As in the past, carnival-goers will be able to take advantage of special pay-one-price tickets (\$10 each) during select periods: Thursday (5 p.m. to closing), Friday (5 p.m. to closing), Satur-

day (11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and/or 5 p.m. to closing), and Sunday (noon to 5 p.m.). Additional discounts of \$2 per pay-one-price ticket can be obtained by using coupons from the center fold of the Chamber's carnival publication, which will be mailed to all Romulus residents about one week before the event. And elementary students (grades kindergarten through six) at Romulus' public and private schools will have a chance to get the biggest discount of all – free-ride certificates – if they enter the Chamber's Carnival Poster Contest. Posters can

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Foundation To Enrich Education Opportunities

By Kristi Stephens

The recently formed Romulus Community Schools Foundation has elected executive officers and is ready to begin its self-appointed task of working with the School District to provide more enriching education opportunities for Romulus students.

The Foundation is composed of five voting members from the local business community (President Noah "Pete" Bergeron, Jr.; Treasurer James P. Gannon; Secretary Brian A. Oakley; Carl Etue; and Kevin Warrenton) and two nonvoting advisory members from the School District (Tom Dolan, Director of Curriculum, who will serve as the administrative representative; and Julie Oleszkowicz, Treasurer of the Romulus Board of Education, who will represent the Board).

"Interest in developing a separate education foundation first came about after the passage of Proposal A in 1994," explained attorney Brian A. Oakley, one of the local businessmen who were instrumental in getting the project off the ground. "Because of the State's increased control over local districts' purse-strings, these districts will soon be forced to find alternative funding methods if they want to continue to provide their students with quality educations."

Although he anticipates that the Foundation will eventually become involved in raising money for extracurricular programs like sports, cheerleading, and music, Oakley says that the group's first priority will be to support programs that aim to improve the more practical aspects of education.

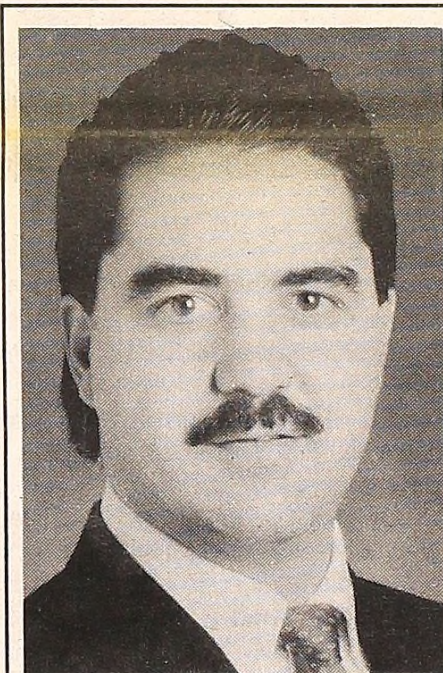
"Specifically," he said, "we want to help our district turn out graduates who are fully prepared to step directly into the work force. The Foundation members' business background gives us a unique insight into the skills that future graduates will need in order to succeed in an increasingly competitive job market. We feel that we can use this perspective to help our community's young people gain a crucial edge."

According to Oakley, the Foundation will work closely with the Romulus Community Schools to identify those programs that fit the group's goals and that are most in need of supplementary funding – but final control of the Foundation's money will remain in the hands of its voting members.

Foundation members look to increase their treasury through direct donations – primarily from local business establishments.

"Businesses that make financial contributions to our group enjoy a couple of advantages," said Oakley. "First, since our Foundation is a nonprofit corporation, the donations are tax-deductible. Also attractive to many people is the control that they can maintain over the use of their donation. For instance, a businessman whose company is heavily dependent on the use of computers might stipulate that his donation be used only for the development of computer technology."

The Foundation also plans to organize periodic fund-raisers. The first of the group's money-makers – a combination golf outing/dinner/silent auction – is tentatively scheduled for mid September at the Shady Hollow Golf Course.



Brian A. Oakley

Members of the business and residential communities who are interested in learning more about the Romulus Community Schools Foundation are invited to attend an informational luncheon to be held at Romulus High School on Wednesday, May 15, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Although there is no charge to participate, the Foundation advises those who plan to attend to preregister by May 8 so that the High School's culinary-arts students (who will be preparing and serving the luncheon) will have adequate time to plan the meal. To preregister, or for more information about the Foundation, please contact Louise Briody (executive secretary to advisory member Tom Dolan) at 941-1600, ext. 241, or 941-7503. □

Guest Commentary

The Case for Clean Campaigns

Editor's note: The purpose of the "Guest Commentary" column is to provide members of the Romulus community and other interested parties with an opportunity to express their viewpoint on issues of interest to the people who live and do business here. Responsible individuals or spokespersons are invited to make use of this column, at no charge, at any time. For more information, please contact Kristi Stephens, editor, at either 941-1907 or 941-3113.



By Congresswoman Lynn N. Rivers,
U.S. Representative for Michigan's 13th District

Last year, when I arrived in Washington, the first piece of advice that I received as a legislator was, "When it comes to campaigning, go negative. Go negative and go negative first. That's what people respond to." I was told this even though I had just *finished* campaigning – and I knew that my Republican freshmen counterparts were being told the exact same thing.

But is nasty campaigning really what Americans want?

Many political experts argue that going negative is the only way to win elections these days. "It's the sharp stick or stone, not the dull one, that cuts," observed campaign consultant Ron Faucheux in a recent editorial in *Insight* magazine.

But why are campaigns reduced to a contest of "sticks and stones" in the first place? The issues at stake in elections – not to mention the citizens of this country – deserve to be addressed with more than a barrage of name calling.

And this name calling is taking a toll on American politics. As the level of political discourse has sunk to an all-time low, Americans have grown increasingly cynical and disaffected with

the political process. Letters to newspaper editors and listener call-ins to radio programs express rising public frustration and anger towards elected officials. Voters are staying home in record numbers.

While Faucheux claims that "When truthful and accurate, negative ads are what voters want and need," he ignores the fact that more and more negative campaigning has become distorted and sensationalistic. And when candidates feed the public a steady diet of negative images and misleading allegations for months on end before elections, many citizens wind up feeling either too disgusted to vote – or suspicious and critical of whoever finally winds up in office. Such campaigns set a lousy tone for the Country *after* the elections, as well as before.

Ultimately, negative campaigning undermines the entire democratic process. The proliferation of nasty campaign tactics makes it increasingly difficult for well-meaning and accomplished candidates to run on their own ideas – and this directly affects voters. In their new book, *Going Negative: How Attack Ads Shrink and Polarize the Electorate*, researchers Stephen Ansolabehere and Shanto Lyengar found that negative campaigning "drives people away from the polls in large numbers" – particularly nonpartisan voters. This means that, while the number of people who call themselves "independents" in opinion polls has increased steadily in recent years, this segment of the population is represented less and less. The government is elected more and more by fewer and fewer people – who are increasingly allied strongly with one party or another.

This, in turn, impacts Congress, creating a wider chasm between the two parties. The authors of *Going Negative* note, "As their bases of support become more partisan (or at least less independent and centrist), members of Congress will work harder to represent those partisan interests." Which, in turn, makes it harder for elected officials like myself – moderate Republicans or Democrats who vote for legislation based on how good it is, not who sponsors it – to pass solid, sensible, bipartisan bills.

Yet the authors' research also found that positive campaigns can elevate the level of political dialogue and draw people back into the election process who were once alienated from it. Spirited campaigns that tout candidates' visions, skills, and accomplishments can capture the public's imagination and

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inspire people to vote – especially independents. This restoration is crucial to maintaining our democracy. Without raising our campaign standards – and with it, the public's trust – candidates will continue to "win ugly." And not only will elections grow uglier and uglier, but in the end, all of us will lose.

Empowering Victims

By Senator William Van Regenmorter

Every 26 seconds, someone in this country is victimized by violent crime; in fact, one out of three people will be a victim of crime during his/her lifetime. The statistics are staggering and speak clearly to the need for action. What these statistics don't show, however, are the names and faces behind those figures – the mothers and fathers, the sisters and brothers, and the children. Too often, the emphasis is on the criminal and not on the victim. It is for this reason that Michigan sets aside one week each year to focus attention on the victims of crime and their families.

This is the eleventh year of National Crime Victims' Week, which is April 21 through April 27. This year's theme is "Victim Empowerment."

Michigan has the strongest and most-comprehensive Crime Victim's Rights Act in the Nation. The Act firmly establishes, in law, a victims' rights throughout the criminal process. Some of the principal provisions in the Act include:

- written information, within 24 hours of the crime, from the investigating police officer of the rights and services available to the victim.
- the requirement that a prosecutor consult with the victim before agreeing to a plea bargain.
- the victim's right to attend trial.
- the victim's right to give an oral or written impact statement to the court at sentencing.
- the victim's right to receive restitution from the defendant.
- notice to the victim from the Department of Corrections of any change

in the perpetrator's status: i.e., escape, or final release date.

the opportunity for the victim to address the parole board before a defendant's parole is granted/reviewed.

To make sure that victims' rights are maintained, a Victim Witness Unit has been established in each county. It is the victim advocate's job to ensure notice, protection, restitution, and information to the victim throughout the criminal justice process, serving as a liaison between the prosecutor's office and the victim.

In 1988, the voters of the State of Michigan took steps to empower the victim, overwhelmingly approving a constitutional amendment (Art. I, Sec. 24) to ensure fundamental rights for crime victims. Since that time, Michigan's law and Constitutional amendment have become models for other states as well as for our federal government, guaranteeing that victims throughout our nation are treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

To further empower victims in the criminal justice process, the use of state-of-the-art technology for fast and reliable victim notification is being explored. Over the past several months, I have worked closely with representatives from Wayne, Ingham, and Newaygo counties to establish a pilot program called VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday). In the beginning of this year, each of the three counties formally committed to implementing the pilot program. If the pilot programs are successful, statewide implementation of VINE will be considered. The focus of VINE is to enhance the vital link of communication between the justice system and victims of crime. The system uses a computerized program to prompt automatic notification calls, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to crime victims when an inmate's status changes. The project will provide an efficient and reliable method of notifying crime victims when an inmate has a change of

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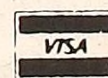
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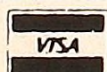
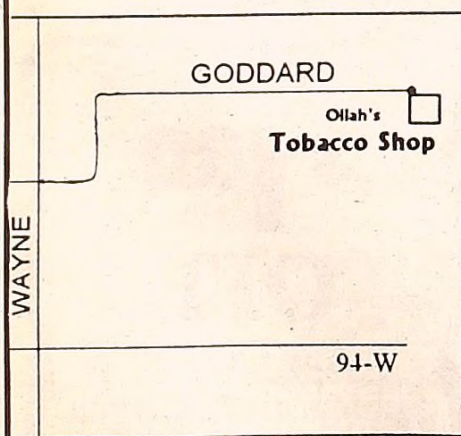
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Everyone Loves a Parade!

One of the highlights of the festival will be a parade, set for 6 p.m. on Friday, May 10. Tentative plans call for participants to gather in the Romulus City Hall parking lot, then travel west on Goddard to Bibbins; east on Bibbins to Olive; and south on Olive to the Festival Grounds.

Leading the parade will be a van (donated for use during the parade courtesy of Carey Limousines of Romulus) reserved for Romulus City and School officials, including Mayor William Oakley, who will make a stop at the intersection of Goddard and Shook roads for a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official beginning of the Chamber's festival.

The Chamber is currently accepting applications from individuals, businesses, and organizations interested in participating in the parade. Applications – including a list of the rules to which all entrants must adhere for the sake of safety – are available at City Hall and the Romulus IGA (located on Goddard Road in downtown Romulus). All appli-

cations must be postmarked by Monday, May 6.

Other Attractions

The Romulus Recreation Center has also planned to participate in the Chamber's festival by sponsoring free children's games at the Center (36515 Bibbins) on Saturday, May 11, from noon to 3 p.m. Planned are activities like face-painting with Giggles the Clown, volleyball, a recycling derby, and contests for making and flying paper airplanes.

And carnival-goers will be able to fortify themselves for all-day fun on Saturday, May 11, by making a pit-stop at the Romulus Recreation Building between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. for the Romulus Kiwanis Club's all-you-can-eat pancake feast. A cost of \$3.50 per adult (\$2.50 for senior citizens; \$2 for children ages five to 12; no charge for children under five) covers pancakes, one serving of sausage links, a glass of orange juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee.

"Special Day"

People with special needs should note that Thursday (from 5 p.m. until closing) has been designated as "Special Day" because the likelihood of smaller crowds will mean easier access to rides and other attractions. Of course, persons with special needs are welcome at any time. □

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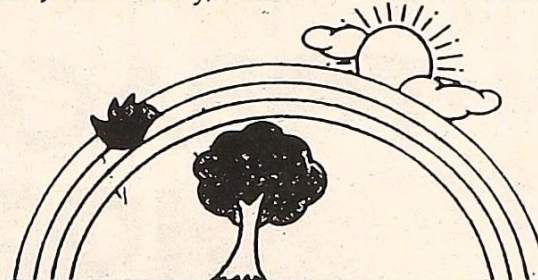
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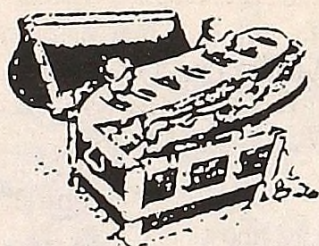


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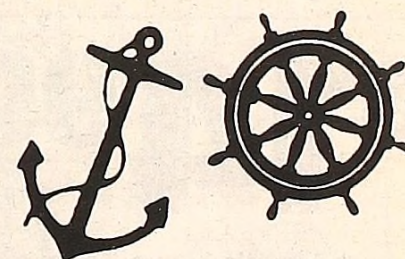


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- Wastewater types to be handled.
- The nature of the permitting process under Act 451, Part III.
- And to answer questions about the facility.

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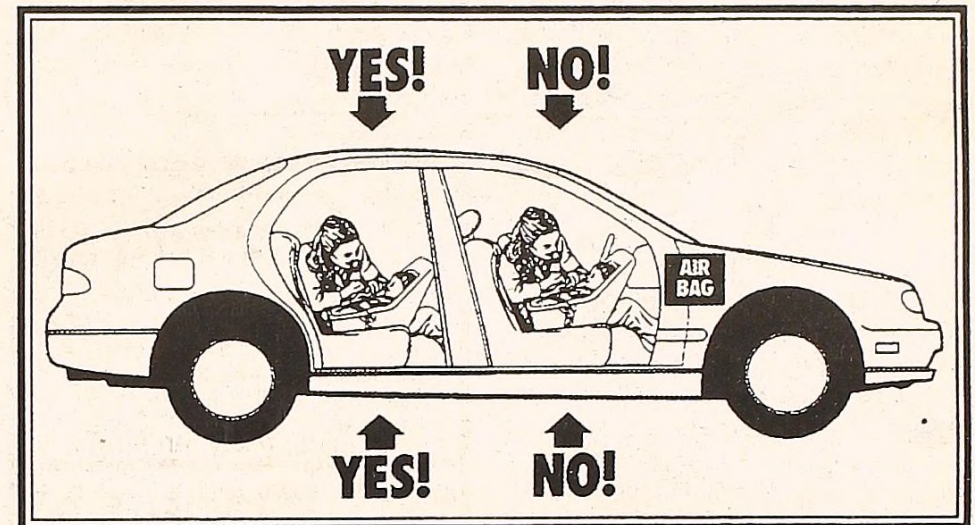
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In 11 of the crashes, the children were not wearing safety belts, or were not wearing them properly. In four other crashes, infants riding in the front seat in rear-facing child seats were killed when the air bag deployed.

"Parents need to be aware that the force of an air bag deploying into a child who is unbelted, improperly belted, or in a rear-facing infant seat can cause serious head injuries – even in frontal crashes at less than 15 mph," said Jerry Basch, AAA Michigan Community Safety Services manager.

To avoid air bag injuries, Basch recommends the following guidelines for child passengers:

- The rear seat is the safest place for children of any age to ride.
- An infant in a rear-facing child seat must ride in the back seat if the vehicle has a passenger-side air bag.

- Be sure that everyone in the front seat is properly buckled up and seated as far back from the air bags as is reasonably possible.
- Make sure that all young children are properly secured in a child safety seat and older children are secured by a lap/shoulder belt.

"Know how to properly place your child seat in a vehicle," Basch added. "Read the owner's manual for the vehicle and the instructions for your child safety seat. Educate yourself to protect your children from potential injury."

Federal safety regulations require that air bags be installed in the driver and passenger seat positions of all passenger vehicles and trucks, beginning in 1999. In all states except New Hampshire, use of safety belts with or without air bags is mandatory, since air bags are considered a supplemental restraint system. □

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Romulus Middle School Students Make Honor Roll

Congratulations to the following Romulus Middle School students who made the honor roll during the third marking period of the 1995-1996 school year.

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Master Minds

Dominic Addrow, Caleb Beasley, Christina Bishop, Amber Bowman, Jason Britt, Nicole Brown, Justin Chaney, Amanda Clark, Jason Clark, Valda Cole, Peggie Cooke, Sarah Cox, Autumn Debus, Tyra Donald, Alexis Downer, Tiffany Eldridge, Jaclyn Evans, Brandon Flake, Theresa Genaw, Heather Heughens, Meriam Izobo, Robert Kimble, Lawrence Knight, Rachel Kolar, Bobbie Lindsay, Jason Marsiglia, Joy McCain, Michael McNeil, Lisa McNulty, Kimberly Minner, Audrey Mullen, Jennifer Nieman, Jessica Nieman, Jasmine Noble, Shirlee Parsons, Evelyn Paschal, Tia Piggee, Leslie Pitts, Mechele Reed, Crystal Renton, John Shelley, Stephanie Skiff, Eric Staten, Amee Swauger, Jeremy Taylor, Brooke Thompson, Renia

Thum, Jennifer Vit, Falencia Ward, Sharritta Warren, Donald Watkins, Christy Weidemann, David Wells, Mark Williams, and Heather Wright.

Team Amigo

Richard Angel, Kevin Baber, Jason Brooks, Brandon Burrell, Renee Byard, Garry Ciarrocchi, Jasmine Clinkscales, Andrea Deline, Heather Engle, Samuel Estes, Aimee Fisher, Kristin Godard, Mellisa Gondek, Justin Goodman, Tishona Gregory, Jacquelyn Hamilton, Kelli Hardeman, Christopher Higgins, Brandon Hindman, Amy Hornfeld, Keith Hubbard, Amy Hudson, Jessica Jackson, Jay Jakeway, Nayla Khan, Jessica Kortas, Jason Kucharski, Jeriesha Lee, Makenzie Logan, Ryan Martell, Pierre Matthews, Danielle McClue, Nicole McMurdy, Brandon Olson, Shawna Pattenau, Ashley Slone, Ashaunde Smith, Carrie Spielman, Christopher Talley, Kimberly Usztics, John Wester, Nancy Whittenore, Michael Woods, and Rashad Woods. □

COMMENTARY

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status, allowing a victim to prepare for the release, sometimes taking life-saving precautions.

When a crime occurs, the victim and his/her family are scarred in ways not always visible to others. One act of violence forever changes a person, dramatically affecting his/her relationships, job, and life. Although the media report the acts of violence, it is rare that the story shows the true impact upon the victim. During Crime Victims' Rights Week, it is my hope that crime victims and their families will become better informed of the rights and organizations that have been established to assist them. The criminal justice system as a whole has become more accountable as a result of increased victim involvement; it is my sincere hope that this participation continues. □

Community Calendar

- **Head Start Seeks Students** – The Romulus Head Start and MDE Preschool programs are currently recruiting eligible three- and four-year-old children for September 1996. These free preschool programs, held at Beverly School, serve children from low-income families, foster children, and children with disabilities. For more information, or to apply, call 728-7815.
- **Registration Drive at St. Aloysius** – St. Aloysius Catholic School (located at 37200 Neville Road, near I-275 and I-94, in Romulus) is accepting registrations for the 1996-1997 school year. A full curriculum is offered for grades K-8. All teachers are State-certified. For more information, please call the School: 941-3340.
- **Open House at Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery (HCCN)** – HCCN's Open House for Fall '96 will be held at Miller Elementary School (New Boston) on May 1 from 12 to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m. Openings are available for children two-and-a-half to five years of age. For more information, call Mary: 782-2115.
- **Spaghetti Dinner** – Ball Road Tabernacle (7009 Ball Road, near Ecorse and Merriman) will host an all-you-can-eat Spaghetti Dinner on Friday, May 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. Cost per person is \$4.50 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages four through 12; and \$1 for children three and under. For more information, call Carol: 941-7125.
- **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** – The Huron Civic Theatre (32044 Huron River Drive, in New Boston) will present *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, on Friday, May 3 and 10, at 8 p.m.; Saturday, May 4 and 11, at 8 p.m.; and Sunday, May 5 and 12, at 3 p.m. Tickets (\$9 for adults; \$8 for senior citizens and students) are available at the Box Office; call 782-5380.
- **"Talking to Children About Sex"** – The Romulus Adolescent Health Center, in cooperation with the Romulus Abstinence Partnership, will present "Talking to Children About Sex" – a free workshop for parents – from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 9, at Romulus High School (Room 500B, near the auditorium). Conducting the workshop will be renowned health educator Dr. Sylvia Hacker, author of the book, *What Every Teenager Really Wants To Know About Sex*. For more information, call Anne Schenk at the Romulus Adolescent Health Center: 941-1400.
- **Writer Support Group** – Writers Anonymous, a newly formed writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, will meet at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Romulus Little League Meetings** – The Romulus Little League Board of Directors invites the public to attend its twice-monthly meetings, held at 7 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at the Romulus Recreation Department (36515 Bibbins).
- **Premarital Counseling Classes** – Oakwood Hospital Heritage Center-Taylor, in cooperation with the Taylor Teen Health Center, offers premarital counseling classes that fulfill the State of Michigan marriage license requirement. Participants receive information on sexually transmitted diseases, AIDS, and prenatal care from a qualified health educator. Classes are offered on the second Tuesday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. at 10000 Telegraph, Taylor. Cost is \$25 for couples; \$15 for individuals. For more information, or to preregister, call 374-2273.

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Has it been raining, and is the sky dark?

Answering these questions will help you determine what to do when you hear a warning siren.

When the Siren Sounds

If the siren sounds on the first Saturday of the month and the weather is clear, then, more than likely, what you are hearing is a test of the sirens in Romulus.

But if the siren goes off and the weather is bad, regardless of whether or not it is the first Saturday of the month, it's time to take some immediate safety precautions. If you are outdoors, go inside and turn on a radio or television to see if there is a tornado warning. If there is a tornado warning, get a portable radio and go to a previously designated "safe area." (More on "safe areas" later.)

If you are already in the house when the siren sounds, turn on the TV or radio and listen for weather bulletins. If there is a tornado warning, or if the weather looks bad, take shelter in your predesignated "safe area" and take a portable radio.

If you are in a car when the siren sounds, tune your radio to a weather broadcast. If there is a tornado warning, look at the sky to determine if it is near you. If it is, get away from the car and lie in a ditch or low area, protecting your head with your hands. If not, drive safely to the nearest place of shelter, always keeping an eye out for danger.

If you are at work or school when the siren sounds, inform the proper people and follow their direction. Proper emergency plans for tornado safety should already be established in the work place and in school, and this information should be shared with everyone. (Do you know what to do? Does your school/company practice these plans?)

Designating a "Safe Area"

Now is the time to take a look around your house and designate a "safe area" where family members should take shelter in times of threatening weather. The safest place to be is in a basement under something sturdy, like a workbench. If there is no basement, seek shelter in a small, interior room in the middle of the building, like a closet or a bathroom.

Always stay away from outside walls and windows.

Some Helpful Tips

Be aware of where the rest of your family members are. When the children are outside, keep an eye on them, and call them into the house when tornado warnings are indicated. When your children are at a friend's house, call them to discuss what measures should be taken: Do they need to come home, or should they take shelter at their current location?

Since tornadoes develop and move rapidly, people should be familiar with various severe weather alerts. A **tornado watch** simply means "watch out." Severe thunderstorms and tornadoes are possible. Residents should gather a first-aid kit, flashlight, and portable radio; monitor local television and radio; and keep an eye on the sky.

A **tornado warning** issued for an area means that a tornado is happening *now*. Go immediately to the designated "safe area" to take cover.

Some Facts About Tornadoes

Last year was a relatively quiet one for tornadoes in Michigan, as only 12 twisters struck the State. That is 25% below the norm of 16 tornadoes. All of the tornadoes were weak, and in an unusual "twist," there were more tornadoes in northern Michigan than in the southern part.

Although the twisters injured only three people and caused about a quarter of a million dollars in damage, residents are warned not to become complacent: Tornadoes have killed 341 Michigan citizens. In fact, Michigan holds the dubious distinction of having the eighth-deadliest tornado in United States history (Flint, 1953).

Tornadoes generally develop from severe thunderstorms, and are more likely to occur when there is unseasonably warm and humid air at the Earth's surface and cold and dry air aloft, combined with strong upper-level jet-stream winds. According to the National Weather Service, these conditions are most likely to occur in the spring, although a strong risk continues well into summer.

Although media attention frequently focuses on tornadoes, it is important to remember that severe thunderstorms without tornadoes are extremely dangerous. Severe wind, large hail, and lightening all need to be taken seriously.

Now is the time to prepare for the severe weather of tomorrow! □

Smoky's Den

"Flashes" from the Fire Department

Pallet Fire

On Saturday, March 16, the Romulus Fire Department responded to a pallet fire on Ecorse Road west of Wayne course. The fire – which spread rapidly due to gusting winds – consumed approximately five acres of pallets. All four stations were called out, and the fire was brought under control in approximately four hours. Cause of the fire is still under investigation.

Thanks to the McDonald's restaurant on Wayne Road, which supplied food to the firefighters involved.

Smoke Detector Warns Residents of Birch Run Apartments

At approximately 4 a.m. on Wednesday, March 27, the Romulus Fire Department responded to a fire at the Birch Run apartment complex on Garner. Upon arriving, firefighters found the fire already burning in the basement, first, and second floors of one building, but still managed to put it out before it spread to the attic or to other buildings. The cause of the fire was accidental. Occupants were awakened by a smoke detector and left unharmed.

Fire Chief David Allison wishes to commend all Fire Department personnel for their hard work and commitment in working together to extinguish these two fires with no loss of life and a minimum loss of property.

Help Wanted

The Romulus Fire Department is looking for people who would be available to respond to fire calls during day-time hours. Anyone who is interested in this paid, on-call position, and who is at least 18 years of age, possesses a high-school diploma or its equivalent, has a clean driving record, and lives within the City of Romulus, may fill out an application at the Romulus City Hall personnel office. Call 941-8585 for more information.

Crutches, Walkers Available

Thanks to a generous donation from the Salvation Army, Romulus residents can borrow crutches and/or walkers at no charge. For more information, contact the Fire Department (941-8585) or the Romulus Progressive Club.

Happy Birthday!

Belated birthday wishes go out to the following Fire Department members born in the month of April: Fire Chief Dave Allison (April 17), Dan Lorbeske of Station #1 (April 23), and Scot Mullins of Station #1 (April 8).

Happy Anniversary!

April 1 marked the thirty-second anniversary of Deputy Chief Robert Pecsenye's service in the Romulus Fire Department. Also celebrating service anniversaries are Battalion Chief William Daughenbaugh (25 years on January 1), Battalion Chief Jerry Ladach (25 years on April 1), Firefighter Dan Kish (10 years on April 1), and Lieutenant John Thiede (10 years on April 25).

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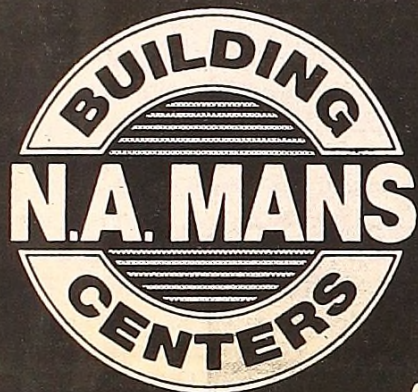
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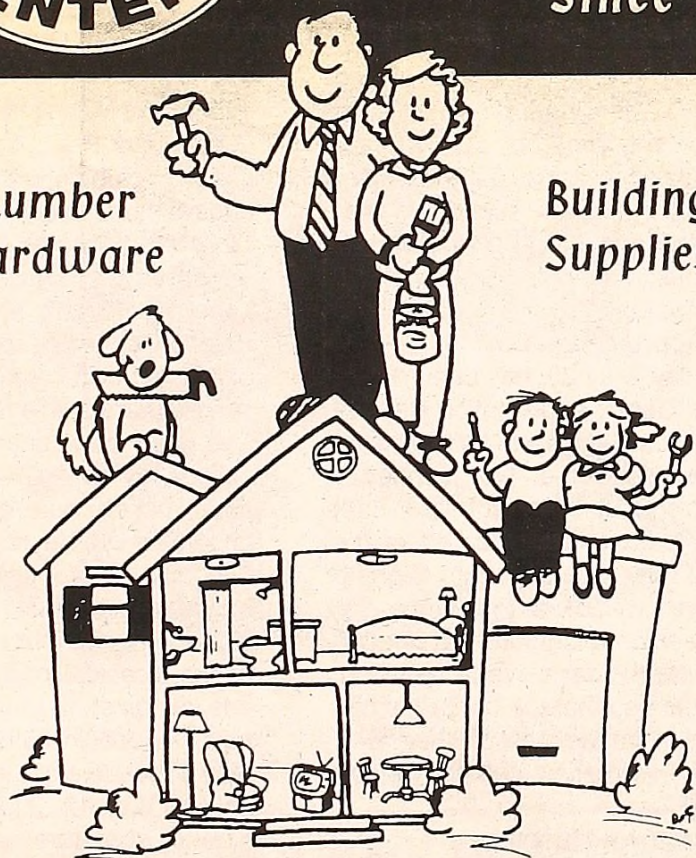
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"Students of the Month" Honored in February, March

By Ed Clark, principal, Romulus Middle School

Teachers selected a total of 72 Romulus High School and Romulus Middle School students for February's "Student of the Month" honors, and 67 students for March's honors, because of the youths' exceptional behavioral and academic performance. Students attending March 12 and April 17 ceremonies recognizing their achievement received a certificate and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate the following students for their fine effort:

February Honorees

Stephen Bednar, Robert Belcher, Carlin Blanton, Michael Boomer, Catherine Boslet, Jennifer Breeding, Nicole Brown, Marlos Butler, Renee Byard, Gary Carpenter, Colleen Chambers, Bataan Cline, Joshua Creith, Eric Dyer, Stephanie Elkins, Tracie Finley, Danielle Ford, LaDonna Franklin, Roderick Freeman, James Fussell, Benjamin Gardner, Theresa Genaw, Megan Gilliland, Jennifer Hanna, Heather Heughens, Andrea Hoppe, Sara Hudson, Kevin Huff, Ray Hulslander, Lasunda Jackson, Alina Johnson, Heather Johnson, Christopher Jones, James Justice, Shantia Kendrick, Nayla Khan, Jennifer Kusibab, Ebony Lofton, Martin Lucaj, Victor Lucaj, Michael Martinez, Daniel May, Yoruba Mitchell, Monica Moore, Bubé Mulenga, Chad Murphy, Jessica Nieman, David Pardon, Melissa Plave, Natalie Proost, Erica Reed, Richie Robinson, John Rucker, Ryan Sergott, Nicole Sharp, Amber Sheldon, Ashaundei Smith, Sheila Sobocinski, Sondrene Starr, Eric Staten, Brian Steffani, Nicholas Stewart, Kory Swangim, Joshua Turner, Steven Usher, Micah Wade, Christina Wands, Ryan Watts, Naomi Whalen, Damond Williams, Charlene Winter, and Jennifer Ziemczyk.

March Honorees

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Romulus Middle School student Stephen Usher was one of 72 honorees for February.

John Rucker, John Ryznar, Gregory Scott, Jannetta Sewell, Carissa Slone, Casey Smith, Josef Smith, Chad Spielman, Sondrene Starr, Nicholas Stewart, David Sundquist, Melissa Swazey, Daniel Tatman, Ashley Terry, Brooke Thompson, Kelly Walczak, Christy Weidemann, Ashley Wesson, Steve Whitaker, and Nancy Whittemore.

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Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

Free Health Screenings Offered

Romulus senior citizens are urged to take advantage of a free health screening which will be conducted at the Romulus Senior Center by Annapolis Hospital on May 6 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Among the tests which will be offered at no charge will be "body composition" evaluations, PSA blood tests (a screen for prostate cancer), and checks on blood pressure, total cholesterol, glucose, hearing, and vision/glaucoma. A "take-home/mail-in" kit to test for colon/rectal cancer will also be available. **Drop-in/Phone-in Program for Legal Counsel**

Citizens age 50 and over are encouraged to take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's new drop-in/phone-in program for free legal advice and consultations courtesy of local attorney Brian Oakley. Seniors are invited to drop in at the Center between 3 and 5 p.m. on any program date (no appointment necessary) or call the Center (942-6852) during the scheduled two-hour period for over-the-phone advice.

The next scheduled program date is Tuesday, May 7.

Senior Appreciation Day

Monday, May 20, has been designated as "Senior Appreciation Day" by the Romulus Senior Center — and, to celebrate, the Center has planned a special picnic at Elmer Johnson Park (weather permitting; relocated to the Senior Center if necessary). Sign-up sheets are available at the Center.

Non-senior volunteers are needed to supervise the day's events (cooking, games, etc.) so that the honorees can relax and make the most of "their" day. For more information, call the Center: 942-6852.

Trip to Motown Museum

Youth and maturity will come together to explore their common interest in music on this "intergenerational" trip to the Motown Museum on May 10. Participants should bring a bag lunch; other refreshments will be provided. Trip is limited to the first 20 seniors to sign up; preregistration is required. Cost is \$3 per person.

Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Tulip Festival** — You won't want to miss this trip to the Tulip Festival in Holland, Michigan, to see Mother Nature's palette of colors at its best. The cost of this one-day trip, set for May 8 (departs at 8 a.m. and returns around 6 p.m.), is just \$46, and includes: round-trip motorcoach transportation; a stop at the Deklomp Wooden Shoe and Delphit Factory; a tour of Holland (with a stop at Windmill Island) conducted by an authentically costumed guide; and lunch.

- **"Cumberland Princess" Cruise** — Summer's sizzle will be here sooner than you think, and the Romulus Senior Center is already making its plans for trips that will make the most of it — like this three-day/two-night excursion which combines the excitement of Greyhound racing with the relaxation of a cruise along the beautiful Ohio River. The \$289 cost of the trip (based on double-occupancy rates), which departs July 17, includes: round-trip transportation; two nights' lodging; dinner and an evening of racing fun at Tri-state Greyhound Park; and an all-day cruise (including lunch and dinner) aboard the "Princess."

- **Laughlin, Nevada** — Billed as "the Vegas of 20 years ago," beautiful Laughlin, Nevada, on the Colorado River offers just as much fun as her gaudy big sister — but in an atmosphere that's a little more laid back. The \$293 cost (based on double-occupancy rates; seniors receive an additional discount) of the Center's upcoming five-day/four-night trip to Laughlin — set for mid September — includes round-trip airfare, four nights' lodging, four meals, two fun books, a cocktail party, admission to one lounge show, and several "side trips." A deposit of \$25 is required by May 8; balance of the cost must be paid by July 12. (Note: This trip is open to all mature adults.)

Legal Aid

Legal Aid clinics offer free legal assistance in most civil matters to Wayne County residents age 60 and over. The next Legal Aid clinic is set for 9:30 a.m. on May 22 at the Romulus Senior Center. The first 25 people to sign in by 10:30 a.m. will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis. □

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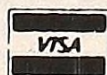
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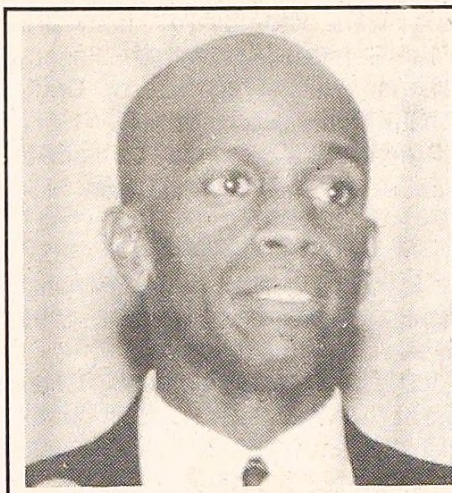
Sixth Anniversary

Pastor Virgil Humes

Pastor Virgil Humes will celebrate his sixth anniversary at the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church (5403 South Wayne Road, Wayne, Michigan) with a special "celebration" program on Sunday, April 28, 1996.

The celebration will begin at 7:45 a.m., with worship directed by "special guest" Reverend Oscar Carter, followed by Sunday School (9:30 a.m.) and services from "special guests" Reverend Darryl Robinson (10:45 a.m.) and Dr. Odell Jones (4 p.m.).

Everyone is invited to attend. □



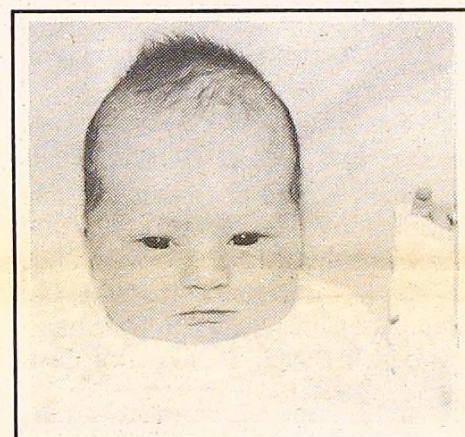
The Stork Arrived

Allysen Marie Dubisky

Bob and Denise Dubisky of Pinckney, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, daughter Allysen Marie Dubisky.

Allysen was born at 7:21 a.m. on Tuesday, March 19, 1996, weighing in at six pounds, ten ounces, and measuring 19½ inches in length.

Allysen is the fifth grandchild of Hal and Sylvia Dubisky (Romulus, MI), and the second grandchild of Ed and Karen Belloli (Sterling Heights, MI).



Kaitlynn Cristin Hamlett

Joe and Pam Hamlett of Romulus, Michigan, are proud to announce the birth of their new daughter, Kaitlynn Cristin Hamlett.

Kaitlynn was born in Oakwood Hospital (Dearborn, MI) at 4:37 p.m. on Friday, February 2, 1996. She weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Kaitlynn's paternal grandparents are Richard and Delores Perkins (Romulus, MI). Jim Souva (Westland, MI) and Helen Ouelette (Westland, MI) are her maternal grandparents.

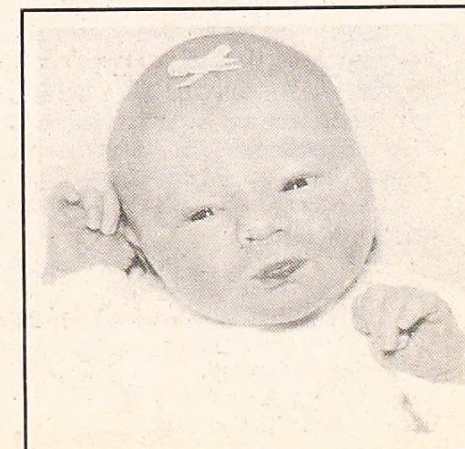


Madison Alexis Tyree

Proudly announcing the birth of their second child, Madison Alexis Tyree, are Tim and Kim Tyree of Taylor, Michigan.

Madison was born at Riverside Hospital (Trenton, MI) on Saturday, March 2, 1996, weighing in at six pounds, 14 ounces, and measuring 18½ inches in length.

Also welcoming Madison is big sister Chelsea, age four; her paternal grandparents, Dean and Jean Tyree (Romulus, MI); and her maternal grandparents, Bill and Karen Parm (Taylor, MI). □



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Obituaries

Ruth Armstrong

Ruth A. Armstrong of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 24, 1996, at the age of 55.

Ruth—a native of Detroit, Michigan—was born on October 10, 1940.

She is survived by one son, Gerald D. Armstrong (Taylor, MI); four daughters, Mrs. James (Gail L.) VanMeer, Jr. (Romulus, MI), Mrs. Thomas (Victoria A.) Winekoff (Romulus, MI), Ms. Debra J. Armstrong (Belleville, MI), and Ms. Dawn J. Armstrong (Romulus, MI); three brothers, Ernest (Wayne, MI), Thomas (Taylor, MI), and John Geisler (Romulus, MI); one sister, Mrs. Arthur (Eva) McDonald (Romulus, MI); and three grandchildren. Her husband, Dickie Armstrong, preceded her in death.

Funeral services will be held at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI) at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 27. Interment will be at Cadillac Memorial Gardens—West (Westland, MI).

Emilie Bloom

Emilie Bloom of Romulus, Michigan, died on Wednesday, April 17, 1996. She was 94 years old.

Emilie—a member of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Taylor, Michigan—was born in Detroit, Michigan, on October 10, 1901.

She is survived by two sons, Gustav (Freeport, IL) and Richard Bloom (Dayton, OR); five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Emilie's husband, Gustav G. Bloom, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 18, at Woodmere Cemetery (Detroit, MI). Cremation arrange-

ments were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI). Funeral arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to St. Paul United Church of Christ.

Henry Dziobak

Henry Dziobak of Huron Township, Michigan, died on Friday, April 5, 1996. He was 80 years old.

The Ford Motor Company retiree was born on August 31, 1915, in Detroit, Michigan, and married his wife Jeanette on November 17, 1945.

Henry is survived by his wife, Jeanette Dziobak; one son, Michael P. Dziobak (Hancock, MI); two daughters, Mrs. Charles (Elaine) Harris (Newberg, OR) and Mrs. Jack (Linda) Covault (Waukesha, WI); one sister, Hattie Dziedzic; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 9, at St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI), with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating. Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock) was the site of interment. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Audrey Hand

Audrey (Webb) Hand of Westland, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 6, 1996, at the age of 79.

A native of Logan, West Virginia, Audrey was born on May 30, 1916.

She is survived by one daughter, Shirley A. Powers (Inkster, MI); two brothers, Boyce (West Virginia) and Dennis Webb (Florida); three sisters, Mrs. Virginia Adkins (West Virginia),

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STUDY SESSION, APRIL 1, 1996

The Study Session of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 1, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 5:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present. Mr. Frank Wydra, I.R.I. Consultant, was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/96/1 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORT UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT INITIATIVE:

The following administrators summarized committee progress to date: Arthur McPharlin—Technology; Daniel Hurst—Outcomes and Assessment; Michael Teasdale—Climate; Earl Cornett—Preschool; Phyllis Adkins—Commitment; and Andrea Williams—Empowerment.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 29, 1996.

ADJOURNMENT:

4/96/2 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

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REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 25, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, March 25, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

3/96/12 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Agenda as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

3/96/13 Moved by Patterson supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of March 11, 1996 as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica, Director of Human Resources, recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval: A) Retirement: Carrie L. Norwood, Teacher, Effective June 14, 1996; and 2) Leave of Absence: Patricia Coleman (Maternity Leave), Paraprofessional, April 15 through September 1996.

3/96/14 Moved by Berlinn supported by Patterson that the Board approve the personnel actions as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Administrative Assignments

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, proposed the following permanent staff assignments for the Board's approval: Edward Clark, Principal, Romulus Middle School; Mary Christine Powers, Assistant Principal, Romulus Middle School; and Jeffrey Royal, Elementary Principal, Barth School.

3/96/15 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson to approve the Administrative Assignments as recommended by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, recommended the Board approve the Bills for Payment as submitted.

3/96/16 Moved by Berlinn supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Bills for Payment as submitted by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Health Center Update

Ms. Rosanne Simons, Romulus Health Center Director, was present, and submitted a 1995 Romulus Adolescent Health Center Activity Summary and responded to questions by members of the Board of Education.

Summer Program – Madonna

3/96/17 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley that the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the cooperative summer-school program with Madonna University to provide mastery instruction to elementary children. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Curriculum Review – Secondary Language Arts

Antoinette Soave and George Bowersox were present, and presented an overview to the Board of Education on the secondary language arts curriculum and responded to questions asked by Members of the Board.

Textbook Adoption – Senior High Federal Government

3/96/18 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to purchase 170 new federal government books for the Senior High School. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1 (Kesner). Motion carried.

Proposed RAP Poster Contest

It was the consensus of the Board of Education that the RAP Poster Contest be conducted as outlined by Nancy George, Romulus Adolescent Health Center.

Communications and Expressions from the Public

The following items were discussed with the Board of Education: 1) contract negotiations; 2) Board meeting date change; 3) High School sign; 4) kindergarten evaluations; 5) televised meetings; and 6) Teen Health Center.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

The following Items of Interest were shared with the Board of Education: 1) K. Hurst – Service Learning; 2) State Test Windows; and 3) WCASB Legislative Reception.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Judie Gondek and Mrs. Sandra Langley requested that the Symposiums that are presented to various school districts be made available to our own students.

Mrs. Langley also asked if we were following the Michigan Model in our curriculum.

Mr. Howard Kesner discussed the National Conference on Education that was sponsored by AASA in California and, in particular, Site Based Management.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

3/96/19 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 9:17 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 10:13 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

3/96/20 Moved by Gondek supported by Berlinn that the Meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary
Romulus Board of Education

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

Our school district has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all our buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in our buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at our offices without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the Administrative Office and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of \$.30 per page.

Our Administrative Office is located at 36540 Grant Road, Romulus.

We have endeavored to make our schools a safe place in which students can learn. Our procedures for dealing with this problem reflect that concern. Please let us know if we can answer any questions.

Willard M. Bower, Supervisor of Maintenance and Operations
Romulus Community Schools

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NOTICE OF RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

NOTICE TO THE ELECTORS OF THE FOLLOWING TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS

ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS WASHTENAW AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TAKE NOTICE that the above two Boards of Education have, pursuant to resolution, entered into a contract with the following school districts to establish an area vocational-technical education program in accordance with Section 690 (3) of the School Code of 1976.

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Said establishment of the area vocational-technical education program and contract became effective on December 11, 1995, that being the date the Michigan State Board of Education granted to the school districts mentioned above area designation for the area vocational-technical education program.

RIGHT OF REFERENDUM

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the school electors of each of the two school districts have a right to referendum on the question of establishing the area's vocational-technical education program. If school electors in this school district equal in number to not less than 5 percent of the votes cast in the most recent school election file a petition for referendum with this board of education within six (6) months from December 11, 1995, then in that event the question of establishing an area vocational-technical education program, as authorized by this board of education pursuant to resolution and contract, will be submitted to the electors of the school district. If the school electors do not approve by a majority vote the establishment of the area vocational-technical education program mentioned above, then the resolution and contract between the two school districts shall be immediately terminated.

A copy of the resolution and contract establishing the area vocational-technical education program is on file at each office of the Board of Education and available for public examination during normal public hours.

Judith A. Gondek
Secretary, Board of Education
Romulus Community Schools

Sharry A. Budd
Secretary, Board of Education
Van Buren Public Schools

OBITUARIES

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Mrs. Garnette Connelly (Mt. Clemens, MI), and Mrs. Norma Deyer (West Virginia); and six grandchildren. One son, Geary Hand, preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 10, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend John Natiu (Church of Christ, Garden City, MI) officiating. Cremation arrangements were made by Tri-County Cremation Services (Ypsilanti, MI).

Mose Pantallion

Mose N. Pantallion of Ypsilanti, Michigan, died on Saturday, April 20, 1996, at the age of 72.

A native of New Orleans, Louisiana, Mose was born on February 14, 1924.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie M. (Parson) Pantallion; one daughter, Mrs. Nick (Dale) Gaines (Belleville, MI); one son, Avery Pantallion (Westland, MI); one sister, Mrs. Rose Mary Jones (New Orleans, LA); and one grandson, Kalyne Gaines (Belleville, MI).

Funeral services will be held at First Baptist Church (11412 Delano, Romulus, MI) at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 26, with Reverend Charles P. Woolridge officiating. Burial will be at Romulus Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

Floretta Robson

Floretta (Brower) Robson of Belleville, Michigan, died on Thursday, March 21, 1996. She was 87 years old.

Floretta was born in Romulus, Michigan, on February 15, 1909.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Roger (Margo) Turpening (Boston, MA); three sons, Robert (Romulus, MI), Donald (Sand Point, ID), and Lynn Robson (Belleville, MI); one sister, Mrs. Florence Blausey (Arizona); and seven grandchildren. Preceding her in death were her husband, Robert J. Robson; four brothers, Leonard, George, Durwood, and Willard Bower; and one sister, Alma Bower.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 23, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend John Hagan (Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Burial was at Tyler Road Cemetery (Van Buren Township, MI).

Faye O. Smith

Faye O. (Brocklesby) Smith of Van Buren Township, Michigan, died on Sunday, April 7, 1996. She was 94 years old.

Faye was born in Mt. Gileet, Ohio, on February 7, 1902.

She is survived by two sons, Gerald (and wife Viola) Smith (Pittsford, MI) and Raymond (and wife Beverly) Smith (Hudson, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Darlene Bailey (Belleville, MI); two brothers, John and Donald Brocklesby (both of Edison, OH); two sisters, Ethel McClellan and Dorothy Brocklesby (both of Edison, OH); 18 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Faye was predeceased by her husband, Ebdon C. Smith, and one son, Robert Smith.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 9, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with the Reverend Joel Evilsizer (Grace Baptist Church, Belleville, MI) officiating. Interment was at the Maple Forest Township Cemetery (Frederick, MI).

Clarence Workman

Clarence Eugene Workman of Romulus, Michigan, died on Tuesday, April 23, 1996. He was 62 years old.

Clarence - born in Waveco, West Virginia, on June 4, 1933 - was employed by McClouth Steel before his retirement, and was a member of the United Steel Workers of America.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn F. (Horvath) Workman; one son, Reece (and wife Martina) Workman (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. James (Arlene) Duprey (Romulus, MI); one brother, Jerry Workman (Joppa, MD); and three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at Crane Funeral Home (36885 Goddard Road, Romulus, MI) at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, April 26; officiating at the service will be Captain Dave and Darlene Harvey. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to the American Heart Association. □



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